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TEMPERANCE

In the Spotlight

URGENT!

Please mail your temperance membership envelope to your Conference Temperance Secretary this week. Don't forget to enclose your membership fee. Help us reach our Conference ATS goal!

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"EVERY BELIEVER A MEMBER"

WHAT'S WRONG WITH JUST ONE?

"What could possibly be wrong with just one little pill to keep me awake? I've got a big test tomorrow." This is heard coming from many desperate students. Here is what is wrong with it:

First of all, just one little bit of a drug begins to tear down the body and resistance. Then there is the possibility, in many cases the probability, that this first time won't be the last. If it gives you a lift once, why not again, you ask. This is what starts many on the road to self-destruction.

Someone else may ask, "What's wrong with just one drink? All the gang's doing it."

This idea of drinking just to be sociable or because it seems to be the thing to do, blinds many students to what the final outcome may be.

"I just wanted to try one cigarette." This came from a chain smoker, who had had his first cigarette years ago when a group of his school "chums" wanted to try something new. Now he is caught in his own fun-making, not having so much fun.

Another person may ask, "Why can't I have just one candy bar between classes, it gives me that extra energy?" But what happens to his appetite at the next meal? It's ruined. And there goes his opportunity for real nourishment.

Each one of us has been taught that our bodies are the temple of God (and we are to glorify Him through the proper care of them. How can we be an honor to Him if we are the slave to one of these habits? "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.")

CAROLYN TRUITT, Student
Southwestern Junior College
Keene, Texas.

Faced with a Crisis

By L. M. NELSON

THE church must be aroused. The forces of intemperance are gaining ground! The most alarming situation is revealed when we discover that the liquor and tobacco advertisements are making inroads among our own youth. The constant TV allurements of false propaganda to persuade men to follow is casting a low these evil bewitching spell over youthful minds.



L. M. Nelson

It is time to act. As these twin evils of alcohol and tobacco gain their grip upon men and women and youth our evangelistic forces are finding it more difficult each year to bring forth telling decisions. It is one thing to expel the errors of doctrine, but it is quite another thing to break these insidious habits. New methods and a better system of education that will reach to those within and without the church must be developed.

For years we have believed in the church doctrine of total abstinence, but in fact, we have done comparatively little to give the church-sponsored program of the American Temperance Society any backing. This God-given organization envisioned by Sister White has a terrific program ready to encircle every church, challenge every member and produce telling blows for right.

Somehow we here in the South have not caught this vision. I am ashamed to tell you that this last year only one out of every 20 of our dear believers accepted this challenge and supported this program with their membership. Honestly now, tell me, is this in keeping with the Southwestern Union spirit? Every one of us believes that we should be at the top, standing by the banner of success, having every believer a member. Listen to these marching orders:

"The evil of intemperance must be more boldly met in the future than it has been in the past." *Temperance*, p. 239.

"We must bear clear, decided testimony against the use of intoxicating

drinks and the use of tobacco." *Temperance*, p. 69.

"Total abstinence is the only platform on which God's people can conscientiously stand." *Temperance*, p. 165.

"Modern drinking is the school in which men are receiving an education for the drunkard's career." *Temperance*, p. 278.

"As twin evils, tobacco and alcohol go together." *Temperance*, p. 72.

"From the light God has given me, every member among us should sign the pledge and become acquainted with the temperance association." *Temperance*, p. 197.

"Of all who claim to be numbered among the friends of temperance, Seventh-day Adventists should stand in the front ranks." *Temperance*, p. 233.

What more can I add? Your church leadership is ready to act. All that is lacking is your support. We pray God that as this opportunity comes to you this year by special envelope delivered to you in the mail, you will be aroused to action, that every believer and every family in the Southwestern Union will become bona fide members by signing the pledge and giving the membership fee so that the work can go forward.

Let us face the crisis with action. May the angels bear record to our Father above that we have not failed in this, His work!



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A
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ARE
YOU?**

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Editorial Opinion

What You Can Do

SIGN the pledge that you will receive in the candy-striped envelope coming to you by mail.

CHECK THE MEMBERSHIP YOU DESIRE, \$2 for the regular membership, or \$3 for the family membership, which includes everyone in the home.

ENCLOSE THE SMALL FEE, according to the membership checked.

RETURN IT IMMEDIATELY to your conference.

This action on your part immediately makes you a member of the church-sponsored and church-operated temperance society called the American Temperance Society. In return you will receive absolutely free, all year long, the beautiful temperance magazine, *Listen*.

USE the temperance materials now available at your conference office to develop public opinion in favor of total abstinence. Make arrangements with your local conference to show the two great motion pictures, "One in Twenty Thousand" and "Cancer by the Carton."

PASTE bumper strips on your automobile.

PUT anti-liquor stickers on your letters.

USE available radio transcriptions on the local stations.

SPONSOR subscriptions for high school students and teachers, for ministers, judges, police officials, libraries, and Sunday school leaders.

PROVIDE yourself with an ample supply each month of the latest journal called *Smoke Signals*, at only \$2 per hundred. Make this your personal missionary project by distributing them in your community.

TEACH groups of children the effects of alcohol upon the development, and persuade them to promise never to take their first drink.

PROTEST to grocery stores against their selling of beer, wine and liquor; to police authorities against their laxity in lay violations; to magazines and newspapers against liquor ads and pro-liquor editorials; to radio and TV stations against liquor-sponsored programs.

WRITE your legislative representatives when temperance measures are involved.

SEND CONGRATULATORY LETTERS to public officials or ministers when they have taken a strong stand on the temperance issue or when they have made a public statement which deserves commendation; also to magazines and newspapers which do not accept liquor advertising.

BECOME a qualified voter by meeting the personal registration requirements.

PARTICIPATE in local option campaigns and vote for any anti-liquor measures.

GIVE a liberal offering on World Temperance Sabbath.

L. M. N.

ENSLAVED . . .

In a Land of Freedom

PAT PHILLIPS, Student
Southwestern Junior College
Keene, Texas

On an island in the harbor of New York stands a statue. On its base are these words:

"Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses, yearning to
breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming
shore;
Send these, the homeless, tempest
tossed, to me;
I lift my lamp beside the golden
door."

O'er all the world this statue shines
its lamp. To all the world the United
States stands as a symbol of freedom.

Today, "in the land of the free,"
four and one-half million Americans
are not free! They are held inescapably
as slaves — slaves not of
overseers and plantation owners who
would wrest goods and profits from
their labor, but slaves of brewers and
distillers who wrest misery and torment
from habit-chained bodies.

Abraham Lincoln read a proclama-

tion that freed 375,000 slaves. Today
America needs a proclamation that
will free the four and one-half million
slaves of Alcohol.

The slave that Lincoln freed could
still think and dream and hope. He
could enjoy the satisfaction of a job
well done, bread well-earned. He could
hear the song of the meadowlark and
smell the scent of the honeysuckle.

Not so the alcoholic. The food he
eats, the opening flowers of Spring,
the soft, summer moonlight — all are
ignored by Alcohol's slave. One
thought pervades his mind: drink —
drink — drink!

This slave of Alcohol is brain-
washed of moral obligations and sensitivities,
brainwashed of knowledge
once known, brainwashed of a sense
of his purpose as a son of God.

We young people must lead our
nation to freedom. The making of a
better nation is up to us. Let's join
the American Society and be fit for
the job!

Temperance As a Pastor Sees It

C. D. WELLMAN, Assistant Pastor
Keene, Texas, Church

"By the word of thy lips I have
kept me from the paths of the destroyer." Psalm 17:4.

Walk around any block in the residential
section of your city and the law of averages
is that you will pass the homes of two
alcoholics! What are we doing to meet
the challenge of alcoholism today, and
save young feet from "the paths of the
destroyer"?

In a recent year in Texas the liquor
interests spent \$3.00 per person to
advertise their product. At the same
time less than one cent was being
spent to educate against it.

Why should we be concerned about
the recent innovation of the use of
women in liquor advertising? It is
because of the insidious suggestion
that women using it means that it is
all right to use it. Mother serves it!
Let us remember that "The child will
be affected for good or evil by the
habits of the mother." *Temperance*, p. 170.

Because liquor is not used in
Adventist homes does not assure
safety for our children. In a recent
survey of college students it was
found that when both parents
drank, 89% of their children
drank; when one parent drank,
75% of the children drank; and
when neither of the parents
drank, still 54% of the children
drank! If we would keep our children

ATS Highway Sign



from "the paths of the destroyer,"
we must instill unyielding principle
into their lives.

Four years ago liquor cost Americans
\$1,000,000.00 per hour. Today there
are over 440,000 liquor establishments
in the United States as compared to
a little over 300,000 churches.

Nor should we forget the dangers
in the use of tobacco. We have been
told that "Tobacco using is a habit
which frequently affects the nervous
system in a more powerful manner
that does the use of alcohol . . . it
is a more subtle poison." *Testimonies*,
Vol. 3, p. 562.

To successfully combat the evils of
intemperance there must be more than
mere instruction given concerning its
dangers. We must work together by
all joining the Temperance Society.
Here is a God-given agency under the
banner of Christ. "Men will never be
truly temperate until the grace of
Christ is an abiding principle in the
heart. . . . What Christ works within,
will be worked out under the dictation
of a converted intellect." *Counsels on
Diet and Foods*, p. 35. In the presentation
of temperance instruction, success
depends on making every part Christ-
centered. Men and women must look
to Christ for victory. Then they can
pray, "Hold up my goings in they
paths, that my footsteps slip not." Psalm
17:5.



A Call for Volunteers, Only

I. V. STONEBROOK, *Temperance Secretary
Texas Conference*

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has long been known for its stand on the cause of temperance. Brother Joseph Bates was one of the charter members of the original American Temperance Society, and Mrs. E. G. White lectured to audiences numbering in the thousands on this subject. She has written much for us regarding the importance of temperance and the harmfulness of narcotics.

Denominational leaders of other faiths praise the outstanding quality of our temperance publications. Men and women in national educational circles appreciate the excellent temperance material we have in this area of literature for children and youth.

If God has so blessed us in this respect, what are we going to do with it? We know that to prove its usefulness it must be placed in the hands

of those who will use it to its best advantage.

Once each year we appeal to you for your support in this important work by becoming a member of the American Temperance Society. You have no doubt already received your first copy of *Listen*. Now — will you manifest your interest by taking the special stamped envelope that was mailed to you — enclose your membership fee and mail it at once.

Christ said, "He that is not for me is against me." There isn't any neutral ground in the cause of temperance. To be apathetic and passive in this matter is to give aid to the enemy and thus promote the work of the liquor and tobacco interests.

Mail your membership fee today and enlist in the support of the work of Your American Temperance Society.

Temperate In All Things

EUGENE R. WOOD, D. O.
Texas Conference

Intemperance is the great universal foe. Every church member, young and old, should have their attention called to the true principles of temperance, and should unite their efforts to war against the foe of intemperance.

The vital problem of intemperance includes more than the fight against alcohol and tobacco. It reaches into every phase of life. Paul says in I Cor. 9:25, "... And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things . . ." The roots of intemperance are much deeper than the use of alcohol and tobacco, and until this is understood and we unite in removing the predisposing causes, our efforts will be in vain.

The Spirit of Prophecy, *Counsels on Diet and Foods*, p. 233-238, tells us that many a drunkard could trace his fall from the family table or the habits of his childhood. Tea, coffee, condiments, confectioneries, pastries, pickles, and the use of flesh foods, have an irritating and stimulating effect upon the nervous system, and the use of these articles of diet tends to give the balance of power to the physical propensities. The moral sense is blunted and healthy mental tone is destroyed. A continual use of these things can create a thirst that only strong drink or tobacco can satisfy.

Thus, while we speak strongly against the use of all alcoholic beverages and tobacco, we should not regard as unimportant the other phases of temperance, such as proper diet, sleep, exercise, fresh air, and cleanliness. *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 562: "True temperance teaches us to dispense entirely with everything hurtful, and to use judiciously that which is healthful." A wealth of information has been given us. Are we heeding it as we should?

Be sure to read carefully your "candy-striped" letter which came to your home recently. It has a message for you alone.

Joining Hands

GENE BALLENGER, *Principal
Grand Prairie, Texas, Church School*

Temperance is a principle, if rightly applied, which covers every facet of life. If one is to be victorious in Christian living, he must be temperate in all things. Temperance is one of the fruits of the Spirit and therefore is worthy of cultivation. One of the most fruitful and impressive periods to do this work is during the days of youth. The first responsibility lies with the parents, especially during the first seven or eight years of the child's life. Following this period the teachers and the school share part of the training. Ideally the school should build on the foundation that the home has laid.

The school has a double responsibility — to strengthen the child who has had home temperance training, and to help the child who has had little training to establish and understand basic principles. This is not an easy task, but it is one of the essen-

tial parts of a Christian education.

How is temperance incorporated into the daily educational program? The American Temperance Society is developing a program for teachers. The alert teacher is ever watching for opportunities to present this material. Though this isn't taught as a separate subject, the teacher does, and should plan, to give it emphasis during opening exercises, Bible, or some part of the program. Every Adventist should support our temperance program by becoming a member.

The child is led to understand the reasons for the "Don'ts" or "total abstinence" in regard to such items as tobacco, alcoholic beverages, and narcotics, and the reasons for being moderate in the things that in themselves are good, such as food, dress, labor, recreation. Only in Eternity will the results of training along these lines be fully revealed.

A Mother's View on Intemperance

MRS. MINNEOLA WILLIAMS
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

The present world situation should make us know that the time for preparing our youth to live above sin and for holding them in the right paths is growing short and that our efforts in this area should be doubled. The book *Education* says, "Never was any previous generation called to meet issues so momentous; never before were young men and young women confronted by perils so great as confront them today."

As a mother of two boys, I realize the serious responsibility I have in keeping them from the crooked ways and wrong habits of this present world. By God's help I'm going to do just that. But in a land where

intoxicating beverages flow freely, and where youth is constantly exposed to the youth-appealing advertising of the liquor and tobacco traffic, a more powerful agent is needed to cope with the tremendous advertising campaign of these industries.

Therefore, I appeal, yes, I plead, to the church to assist the home in this matter by drawing the curtains back and revealing the destructive and deadly effects of alcohol, tobacco, and all other harmful drugs. Instead of lowering the standards in order to keep the youth in the church, the church should bring the youth up to the standards. I urge the church to conduct regular temperance campaigns, keeping the youth ever mindful of that scripture which states, "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." Every believer should become a member of our church Temperance Society this year. Do it today!



J. L. JESPERSEN, *Temperance Secretary*
Texico Conference

KIDNAPPER CARL HALL'S TESTIMONY

"Tell the World"

"Tell the world. Tell them that only God is important. I know now! And tell them that if it weren't for whiskey, these penitentiaries would be closed. I was drunk daily for months. After awhile anything seemed all right."

With these words, Carl Hall, condemned murderer for the kidnap-killing of little Bobby Greenlease, laid the finger of blame upon the real culprit in the crime that shocked the nation. And the great tragedy is that although Hall paid the supreme penalty to satisfy the claims of justice, the culprit Alcohol is as free as ever to continue piling up the highest crime statistics the world has ever known.

But there was something else that Killer Hall wanted the world to know besides the degrading, soul-enslaving, mind-destroying, crime-inciting evils of alcoholic drink. "Tell the world," he said, concerning his conversion and new-found faith in God, that "if Christ could do that for me, a mean,

drunken, miserable, so-and-so, Christ could do it for anybody. I know."

What a glorious testimony of hope and courage for those who have been hopelessly "hooked" by the liquor habit, and can see no other end but a drunkard's grave and a sinner's last torment.

Yes, "Tell it to the world!" Warn them that "strong drink is raging" and "at the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." But for those who receive the warning too late, proclaim just as positively the joyful message of the Christ who is mighty to save even the chief of sinners!

When you join the ranks of the American Temperance Society, you will be fulfilling the plea of a condemned, but converted, killer. But even more important, you will be doing the will of a kind heavenly Father, whose heart is continually touched by the great need of His other lost and wayward children.

You Can Help



L. E. C. JOERS, M. D.
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Ardmore, Oklahoma

"Doctor, you're a good friend of mine, aren't you?"

I recognized the voice over the telephone as that of a gentleman with whom I had had numerous, satisfactory business transactions. He continued to insist that I was a good friend until I began to suspect alco-

Finally he said, "I've called you, Doctor, because I know you're my friend, and I'm in trouble. You've known that I drink, a bit, haven't you?"

I had to admit that I had not suspected it, and he continued to describe his trouble. He had lost a good job and tried to start over in another town. Demon rum had continued interference. Now he was out of a job, out of money, about to lose his wife and two lovely daughters. He wanted me to get him hospitalized so he could sober up. He had tried many times before and failed, but he was sure that if he could get sobered up this would be it. He would never touch the "stuff" again.

Five days later, his lovely wife took her handsome, confident husband home from the hospital to make a new start in life. Three weeks later, a familiar voice, slightly thicker than usual, insisted over the phone that I was his very good friend.

In dealing with this legalized poison, prevention is cheaper and much more sure than attempted cure. A membership for every Seventh-day Adventist in the American Temperance Society may help to save your loved one or friend from such a heart-breaking bondage and ruin.

JOIN ATS

Send membership fee to your
Conference Headquarters

Receive *Listen*.

The Broader Scope

GEORGE W. REID, *Pastor*

Shattuck, Oklahoma, Church

Either the Scripture or common sense alone would give sufficient reason for the thinking man to be careful in his habits of living. When these two are combined as they are, the evidence is overwhelming. Even if the spiritual importance of healthful living were not considered, the benefits of happier and longer life would be well worth abstinence from poisons. No rancher would give his livestock chemicals which would stunt growth and sap their health.

But man is far more than an animal. He is endowed with mental abilities which must be protected. Alcohol, tobacco, and unhealthful living draw a suffocating curtain across the mind and soul, separating man from God. We cannot afford to stumble through life in our march to the Kingdom enshrouded by evil habits.

As the apostle Paul observes, "And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible."

And Adventist messages of healthful living includes warnings against alcohol and tobacco, but it is far broader in scope. It reaches everything we eat or drink, as well as habits of work, sleep, and play. All must be to the glory of God. This is a vital part of the great final message to all the world.

We surely will want to join in the work of our Temperance workers in bringing the hope of freedom to those enslaved by Satan's web. Let every loyal Seventh-day Adventist become a member of the American Temperance Society this year.



DON L. AALBORG, *Temperance Secretary*
Oklahoma Conference

"The New Look"

We should take a second look at the "new look" in Oklahoma. Today our streets and highways are dotted with something new — attractive glass houses filled with glass bottles. Outside these glass houses we see gleaming signs stating, "This is a retail liquor store." Indeed, this is a "new look" to many Oklahoma citizens who have enjoyed prohibition for many years.

Our neighbors, friends, and members of our families are subjected daily to these displays of the liquor industry. Their products are more attractively packaged than healthful foods on the market. The liquor industry is relentless in its subtle advertising, filled with deceitful and untruthful statements.

What are you doing to counteract this invasion of the evil one? What are you doing to display the truth before your fellow citizens? Do you know the facts of the evil effects that come from the use of liquor? Can you give an intelligent statement of truth concerning our denominational stand on liquor and tobacco?

It is not only our duty, but our privilege to become informed on this subject of TEMPERANCE. As you become a member of the American Temperance Society this year, your financial gift will enable the American Temperance Society to continue its battle for right, and at the same time your gift will entitle you to the *Journal of Better Living, Listen*. This Journal is attractive in appear-

ance and contains valuable information that everyone needs to understand to meet the liquor question.

The only way to reduce the evil consequences resulting from the consumption of alcoholic beverages is to conduct an intensive educational program. This, dear friend, should start with you, and with me, and then spread to those about us. We should be telling the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, regarding the evil effects of this curse upon our society. We MUST have the facts and then educate. This can be made possible if we share the responsibility and become members of the American Temperance Society in 1960.

Our Responsibility

DARRELL BEYER, *Principle*

Tulsa Junior Academy

On an occasion last summer a friend and I drove down town to meet a family who was seeking help. Quite by chance we met them in front of one of Oklahoma's newest liquor stores. While talking to this destitute family, we glanced up in time to see two men in a pick-up truck drinking from a large bottle of whiskey. After a brief discussion we decided to ask these men to help this needy family. "No," they answered, "we are broke ourselves and need help." If they were broke, they, no doubt, had spent their last money on the spirits that confuse the mind and debase the morals. It is truly a sad picture when individuals will spend their last dollar or neglect food in order to have liquor to drink, but this is the terrifying truth that faces us today.

Our children and youth are confronted on all sides with either the drinker or the advertiser. Other than a few Christian magazines, you can hardly find one that doesn't hold up the so-called man of distinction. Seventh-day Adventist parents and teachers need to become concerned to the extent that right practices are put into action.

So much responsibility rests upon the parents and teachers in whose

hands the characters of children and youth are but clay. Often during the day we should invite God's protecting care for our children. If we are faithful in doing our part to prevent this engulfing menace of liquor, God will surely see our precious children safely through. My father had drunk liquor most of his life, and many were the nights that he drove his family from home in a fit of drunken rage. But the faithfulness of my mother, who taught her children to be examples and to pray, wrought a wonderful victory. For five years prior to his death, my father never put a drop of liquor to his lips. Our family believes this to be a direct answer to prayer. Surely a God who can cure a man of this dreadful disease can also prevent a child from taking that first wrong step. Let us determine to do all we can to teach from childhood up the terribleness of intemperance, and God will certainly bless our efforts.



MRS. FRANKLIN W. HUDGINS
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

The Parent's Viewpoint

When I gazed for the first time into the eyes of my firstborn, I unconsciously breathed a prayer heavenward — "Oh God, preserve her life." When she was a few months old, at the altar of a small church, I again whispered, "Preserve her tiny life," and added, "we will dedicate her to Thy service." How we worked to prepare her for this mission, and while holding her small hand in ours, we sought to place it in the hand of the Saviour.

As she has grown taller, and her mind has continually developed through the years, I find that I, too,

am growing wiser, and more fearful for the temptations surging around this little girl whom I dedicated. But is she *my* responsibility alone? Will I also *share* in the accountability of hundreds of youth whom I could help to save by my means or influence?

If you are a parent, surely you feel as I, that every youth in Oklahoma must be protected from these dreadful vices of liquor and tobacco at all cost. What small sacrifice, this MEM-

BERSHIP in the Temperance drive — but it can furnish for some young person vital information through the *Listen Magazine*. Indeed — can we call this sacrifice? Let us as parents become members of the American Temperance Society, and in full strength protect our young people from the fate of the liquor and tobacco traffic. Only then can we pray fervently, "Dear God, preserve their lives!"

Let's Stop the Killers

L. A. PASCHAL, *Temperance Secretary*
Southwest Region Conference



In the United States today, there are five million alcoholics and 3.5 million pre-alcoholics, or 8.5 million persons requiring some sort of treatment. With all of the doctors in the country working on these persons, they could not treat them.

Not only is alcohol consumption a health problem, but the problem is increased by drunken drivers. Careful studies show that an average of 50% of persons killed in traffic accidents have alcohol in their blood. According to some estimates 560,000 persons were injured or killed due to alcohol in 1959. Alcohol, then, will kill the consumer, and cause the consumer to kill someone else. It's a killer!

A four-year study on smoking and lung cancer by the American Can-

cer Society of 187,783 men, 50 to 70 years of age in nine states was made. First their smoking habits were listed, and then as each death was reported, investigators checked to determine the cause of death, and compared it with the individual's record of smoking. Lung cancer death rates are ten times higher among those with a history of regular cigarette smoking than among those who have never smoked. Tobacco is a killer!

The use of narcotics causes one to experience hallucinations. It attacks the central nervous system, and greatly affects the mentality and the physical senses. Persons under the influence of narcotics are often unable to evaluate time, height, distance, color, and sound. They have

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RAYMOND'S STUDIO



What's the Pattern of Your Life?

SHERRY WATKINS, *Student*
Ozark Academy, Gentry, Arkansas

Satan is frantically working in the world today, especially among the youth. He comes to each one with his overpowering attractions of personal enjoyment. His net is so expertly camouflaged that he can make the infamous evils of liquor and tobacco seem honored and important to the youth. He easily catches those who are ignorant of his deceptive workings and corrupts their minds and destroys their souls through his subtle temptations. Therefore, every youth should fully understand the effects of alcohol and tobacco and other like poisons in tearing down the body, numbing the mind, and injuring the soul. They should shun these evils lest they become attracted to them and lose their will power to the control of Satan.

To a certain extent we, as young people, are great mimics. We like to follow the actions of our friends and older associates and be like them. Satan is fully aware of this and

many, many times he uses these so-called friends to draw us into his net. Our associates should be carefully chosen and we should be sure that they are total abstainers of these wiles of Satan.

Parents, teachers, and church members, are your lives the kind you would want the young people of today to pattern after? Are you closely following the Master so that the youth following you will become total abstainers? Are you doing your part to warn the young people of the attractions of Satan? Are you a member of the American Temperance Society?

Every church member of the Southwestern Union should feel it his duty to become a member this January, and encourage others to become members of this society, thus helping this great voice of the nation to demand its lawmakers to stop this dreadful traffic.

Christ is the Answer

G. D. O'BRIEN, *Pastor*
Little Rock, Arkansas, Church



If you don't get the best of liquor it will get the best of you! It dampens, darkens, deadens and damns. It is a greater threat to our way of life than Communism — yet we harbor and coddle this enemy within our gates.

I have gone into homes of filth and squalor, unheated in the winter, where the children have no shoes and inadequate clothing — nothing but cold oatmeal to eat. The mother and

father were off to the tavern, spending their wages for beer.

Alcohol's ear is deaf to the cry of the innocent and the helpless. Its true story is not the colorful advertisements on billboards and in magazines, but behind the walls of millions of homes where people, old and young, cry themselves to sleep for broken hearts, abject misery, and loneliness. I have heard the cry of children for their parents, gone be-

cause of unfaithfulness to the marriage vows due to the influence of liquor.

"Can you please help me?" is the plaintive plea of once-strong men weakened by this demon. I know a family who was once comfortably situated financially — the owners of a small factory — with their home paid for and money in savings. Then the monster struck. First the man takes a drink, then the drink takes a drink, and then the drink takes the man. The family lost all — home, business, respect, health, friends — ALL. Indesperation the man sought God's help and found it. Today he is a fine Christian worker for truth and righteousness.

I baptized a man who for many years was a bartender and drank to excess, but today he is one of the finest Christians I've ever met. Christ is the answer to this problem. One way you can meet the deadly foe is to join the American Temperance Society. Do it today!

ALCOHOL . . .

The Devil's Brew

E. C. HAGOOD, M. D.
Albuquerque, New Mexico

The Good Book says, "Know ye not that the body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own. For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are God's." I Corinthians 6:19, 20. If we are to do this, then we should heed the wise man's admonition which says, "wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

Every day I plead with some poor soul to stop — some can't, most won't; however, I am convinced that we need a stronger program. We should give as regularly to this as we do our Sabbath School.

You know that we are being taught that alcoholism is a disease, truly it is not. You must go into the bar to get it, if you stay out you cannot have the disease. I do admit that many inherit a tendency to the habit,

but not the habit. Neither is it harder to quit than any other sin. I find it just as hard to stop one from the tobacco habit, or from gluttony or any other, as the rum habit. For when one sincerely gives his heart to God, all evils, small and great, are taken from the life. The trend of life is changed, and we become a new creature in Christ Jesus.

How can one claim the blessings of heaven and not be interested in saving a soul from drink. How can one love the promise of His coming and not have pity on the poor rum-soaked, mislead, unfortunate beings of our day. How can one be unwilling to give his children a Christian education knowing the facts and figures, and claim to love temperance, mercy, and justice? How can he say he loves God's Law and the promises made to the overcomer, and not practice health reform?

Solomon gives the most vivid picture of the alcoholic ever written by human hand, yet they read it and still drink. These wrecks of humanity are seen everywhere, most everyone laughs when they fall, yet this is a 100% preventable health problem. We now have 5,000,000 known alcoholics, but think of the multi-millions on the way; social drinkers. Our job is not to stop the traffic, but to practice and educate.

Some of my patients have been hit very hard this year, two deaths, and several terrible accidents, and many wrecked homes. No one can estimate the pain and grief in this city alone. In New Mexico in 1958, 329 were killed on our highways, 4,376 were injured, the cost is computed at \$44,000,000. One-half was due to alcohol. This would be \$22,000,000, or more than ten times the revenue from liquor for 1958. Not much of a business deal!

To properly cope with this issue, we must begin in the homes at the table, by using 'rock-bottom' health reform to save our children. A piano or other musical instrument should replace the television and radio. Children hear and see the trash of the word; they are educated along the wrong lines, which are rapidly telling on them. Lots of good can be accomplished if each of us in our own small way would just do our part. God would bless the efforts.

One drink leads to another, and another, and another. . . .



D. M. WINGER, *Temperance Secretary*
Arkansas-Louisiana Conference

The Mind of Jesus

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." The mind of Jesus was pure and not polluted by the demons of alcohol. It was true and not tainted with the thirst-elating, tempting vodkas and other vices. The mind of Jesus saw, and still sees, the carnage of the debilitating bottle, tobacco and narcotics. It sees the extinct man of distinction. The mind of Jesus was, and is, ever ready to lift such fallen men and women and youth to pure and wholesome living.

Let this mind be in you . . . ! If it is, you will do as Christ will have you do and that is —

1. Urge your own Congressman to introduce a bill banning alcohol advertising or ask for his support of the Siler bill. (H.R.2221)

2. Ask your Senator to introduce a similar bill in the Senate to ban the use of interstate commerce for alcoholic beverage advertising.

3. Write to the Alcohol and Tax Division and ask that all forms of alcoholic beverages be labeled dangerous, narcotic drugs.

4. Control your livingroom television dial, through which medium these evils invade your own home and the minds of our young.

5. Show all youth that liquor does not make any city or its peoples famous, but infamous.

6. Become a member of the American Temperance Society today, leading all youth, by example as well as by precept, to have in them the mind which was also in Christ Jesus.

A School Teacher's Observations

MRS. C. R. MAY
Church School Teacher
Baton Rouge, Louisiana



Through the years of my experience as a church school teacher I have many times witnessed the humiliation, the shame, and the heartache of little children whose parents were alcoholics. How often have I heard heart-touching, deep-felt prayers uttered by these same little ones in their prayer bands beseeching the Heavenly Father to "help Daddy not to drink any more." The results of using alcohol are staggering — shabby clothes, pleasures foregone, self-esteem wounded, and to the alcoholics' shame may it be added, sometimes small bodies are bruised from unmerited blows. This demon turns a loving, devoted husband and father into a human derelict who thinks only of how he can obtain more liquor.

A child reared in such an atmosphere sometimes develops a hardness, a bitterness, and a distrust of other adults. As he grows up, the use of liquor comes naturally to him, for hasn't he seen it used commonly in his own home? He becomes a problem at home, at school, and to society in general; another life lost to usefulness for God except for Divine intervention.

In January, 1960, a Temperance Membership Drive will be launched. May every church member in the Southwestern Union pledge himself to back this program wholeheartedly and become a member of the American Temperance Society. Let's stand shoulder to shoulder for the good of our children.



MRS. H. T. GRIFFIN, *Parent*
Shreveport, Louisiana

OUR LIVES ARE EXAMPLES

What a fearful and solemn responsibility parents have in the rearing of the young ones that God has placed in our keeping. As babes created in the image of God, what will their characters be like as they reach adulthood? The development of temperate attitudes of our children is determined largely by the parents!

The demon of intemperance is not easily conquered. It is of giant strength, and hard to overcome. As parents, let us begin our crusade against intemperance at our own fire-sides. Let us teach our youth to follow temperance principles from their very infancy. We will be greatly repaid to use the precious hours which are given us of God in forming, developing and training the characters of our children by teaching them to adhere to the principles of temperance.

The best teacher is our personal example. We parents have the greatest influence in molding the thinking of our children. The little eye is seeing. The little ear is hearing. The greatest training our children receive is in observing Mother and Daddy. Let us begin by joining the church Temperance Society. Let the children observe us signing the pledge.

Parents, let us set such wonderful examples for our youth that the coming of Jesus will reunite many family circles. As the question, "Where is thy flock, thy beautiful flock?" is asked, we can answer, "Here they are, Lord. We thank Thee for giving them to us, and for helping us to be the right example."

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has the answer

Alcoholism today is considered our greatest unsolved public health problem, one rapidly growing worse in terms of social, economic and physical cost. *Listen* approaches this problem in three ways:

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(3) Offers aid and inspiration to those suffering from alcoholism, or who are tempted to drink, pointing them to the true source of help in Divine Power.

Listen, the world's most colorful journal of alcohol and narcotics education, calls forth enthusiastic response from educators, judges, doctors, clergymen, youth leaders and temperance workers. *Listen* is a must for every Seventh-day Adventist home.



THEODORE C. SWINYAR, M.D.
Benton, Arkansas

OUR NATIONAL PARADOX

"Sin has many tools, but a lie is the handle which fits them all." — Oliver Wendell Holmes.

In an era of paradoxes, when the glitter and glamour of advertising are everywhere, as are also the gruesome fruitages which follow the blossoming of those lies, it is time for a reappraisal of the Christian's responsibilities to mankind.

As a nation, the time has long since passed when all good men should come to the aid of their country. As Burke has stated, "For evil to conquer it is necessary only that good men do nothing."

"Now we are engaged in a great 'moral' war, testing whether this nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure." — Lincoln, with apologies.

We have become a nation rich in materials yet poor in morals. We have abundance of food, yet are starved for decency. We float on a sea of increasing responsibility yet we sink in the quicksands of cowardice and fear.

Crime is encouraged from many pulpits where a "social gospel" lulls and already overly-sedated populace into the belief that "Hell" is a myth and "Heaven" is a routine stop. This, while our crime rate continues to spiral ever upward.

The soft-gloved hand of the social worker is substituted for the bare hand upon the "seat" of the problem. The drunkard is removed from the uncouth position he held for centuries and is classified as "having a disease," thereby clearing the consciences of

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C. C. HARKEY, *Laymen*
Lubbock, Texas

A LAYMAN'S VIEW

Shut the Door . . . Open the Door

We, as a people, have spent too much time sleeping along some lines, and while we slept someone else sowed tares; namely, the liquor and tobacco industries. They have done such a thorough job that even we are prone to accept them as belonging here. They have wizards, soothsayers, magicians, and bewitchers planted in the front of every known means of communication to tell our children and young people how to live modern.

The first step of combat is protection. "Shut thy door," Mother, Father, put your hand on the hand on the knob.

Door knob Where are our young people going? With whom?

TV knob Whose hand is on it? They will sell your boy or girl liquor

and tobacco right in your own living room.

Radio knob Be sure it passes the test of Philippians 4:8.

Library knob Records prove we have less and less Bible studying in our own churches.

Refrigerator knob Intemperance starts here.

The second step is to open a door:

1. Every one of us should become members of the American Temperance Society, including our youth.
2. Sponsor booths at all our county and state fairs, where we can freely distribute temperance literature like the leaves of Autumn.
3. Place paid ads in the newspapers. (Unpaid ones, too.)
4. Encourage temperance programs.

Our National Paradox

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those who have benefitted monetarily from his dastardly condition, his loss of respectability, family and security. Yet many glow at the taxes paid by this monster, conveniently forgetting the cost in crime, accidents and death resulting from its use.

We spend billions in aiming at the moon but pathetically little in blasting to bits the "moonshine" which is decaying the very fibre of our national government and the residual of our so-called "civilization."

"O God! that men should put an enemy in their mouths to steal away their brains; that we should with joy, pleasance, revel and applause, transform ourselves into beasts." — Shakespeare.

"The greatest want in the world today is the want of men. . ."

Stand up and be counted!

Why Do Students Drink?

from "Listen" Magazine

Drinking among high school students is more widespread than most adults realize, reports a Utah state education official.

Dr. N. Blaine Winters, director of teacher personnel, Utah State Department of Public Instruction, says 17.5 per cent of his state's high school students drink alcoholic beverages and that 3.9 per cent drink at least once a week. He discloses this information in an article appearing in the January-February issue of

Listen magazine, edited in Washington, D.C.

According to a recent Evan Jones survey of 8,507 Utah high school students, 14.5 per cent of the sophomores questioned said they had been "tight" during the month preceding the survey; 21 per cent of the juniors and 25.2 per cent of the seniors said they had been tight during the month prior to the survey.

The study showed that 26 per cent of high school boys and 13.1 per cent of high school girls had been "high" during the month preceding the survey.

The per capita rate of alcohol consumption in Utah is the lowest among the 50 states. In Wisconsin, for example, 64 per cent of high school students are drinkers, and in Nassau County, New York, the figure is 86 per cent, according to surveys, Dr. Winters points out.

Why do students drink? The leading reason given is curiosity, followed by social pressure. The teen-agers begin drinking in an automobile, says Dr. Winters.

Teen-agers get their liquor from older friends most frequently, with parents the next source, the survey shows. And large numbers of teen-agers are buying beer without difficulty in grocery stores, Dr. Winters says.

According to Dr. Winters' article in the latest issue of *Listen* magazine, parental drinking habits are the deciding factor in teen-age drinking. He points out that non-drinkers tend to come from homes in which neither parent drinks and where both parents disapprove of the use of alcohol. In homes where both parents are heavy drinkers, teen-age children are also heavy drinkers, according to the survey. If mothers drink once a week, 3.4 per cent of the children drink; if mothers drink twice a week, 4.6 per cent of the children drink. In homes where the mothers drink nearly every day, 5.8 per cent of the children from such homes drink.

Drinking by fathers influences fewer teen-agers to drink, according to the survey — only .08 per cent of children from homes where fathers drink every day are drinkers.

Dr. Winters declares that "home influence, religious guidance and educational training can and should be made strong early to combat and lessen the consumption of alcoholic beverages by teen-agers."

Support the Temperance Work

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chargeable to drink is the largest single factor in the criminal record today? Do Seventh-day Adventists need to be reminded of the danger of loss of individual moral control in the social drink? Can genuine lovers of temperance be apathetic hazards to life due to alcohol that mount to appalling totals when compared with other causes of death, even including loss of life in armed combat?

The evident answer is No! An emphatic No! Then what will we do about it? Let us make use of the American Temperance Society where you will find suggestions for personal service, literature for distribution, and plans for public temperance work.

"Now is our golden opportunity to co-operate with heavenly intelligences in enlightening the understanding of those who are studying the meaning of the rapid increase of crime and disaster. If we do our part faithfully, the Lord will bless our efforts in the saving of many souls." *Ibid*, p. 251.

In many countries opportunities are rapidly opening before us to go forward in a vigorous progress of total abstinence. Intemperance is a roadblock and a barrier to thousands on their way to salvation and the kingdom of God. It prevents their thinking clearly and deciding rightly about things spiritual. "Intemperance of any kind benumbs the perceptive organs and so weakens the brain-nerve power that eternal things are not appreciated." *Ibid*, p. 12.

May God help us to stand, as it is our right to stand, in the forefront on the temperance question.

Let's Stop the Killers

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been known to step out of upper story windows they thought were on the ground floor. As a result, thousands are in mental institutions and in their graves. Narcotics destroy lives!

We can conclude that the above-mentioned evils destroy human beings. The temperance phase of the gospel is as important as any other part of the gospel.

During January let every believer become a member of the American Temperance Society; and throughout 1960 do your part to promote this phase of the gospel by giving of your time and means. Let's stop these killers!

A TEACHER'S VIEW

CLAUDE D. HUGHES
Church School Teacher
El Paso, Texas



Are We Zealous of Good Works?

"Last night when Daddy came home drunk, and began to curse Mother and fight with her, my little brother and I were so scared we crawled under the bed and hid!" related one of my little fifth-grade girls one morning. How do you suppose her lessons fared that day?

"I'm going to stay with my Daddy several days during Christmas vacation," Tommy told his teacher. Tommy, a little third-grader, lived with his mother, who had to work hard to keep him in church school. His father did not live with, nor support them, as his earnings were spent on liquor and similar things. When Tommy returned to school he was very quiet, and would sit for long periods of time staring absently out of the window.

"What do you have on your mind, Tommy?" his teacher asked.

"I'm thinking about my mother,"

he answered. "She has to work so hard, and Daddy won't help us." Life's problems were getting heavy for this eight-year-old boy.

Intemperance often commences at the table. "Many parents educate the tastes of their children, and form their appetites. They indulge them in eating flesh-meats, and in drinking tea and coffee. The highly seasoned flesh-meats and the tea and coffee, which some mothers encourage their children to use, prepare the way for them to crave stonger stimulants, as tobacco. The use of tobacco encourages the appetite for liquor. . ."

"The only safe course is to touch not, taste not, handle not, tea, coffee, wines, tobacco, opium, and alcoholic drinks." *Testimonies*, Vol. 3, 487, 488.

Brethren and Sisters, we are living "near the close of time." With all the blatant liquor ads staring at us from
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Leave It Alone

JAMES N. SLADE, M. D.
El Paso, Texas

The writer graduated from medical school in June 1957 — only about two and one-half years ago — but in this relatively short period, he has seen much suffering and even death as a result of the liquor traffic.

One of the most pathetic and memorable cases that comes to mind is that of a forty-year-old woman who died at this relatively early age of hardening of the liver. At the age of twenty-five this woman was in excellent health, and was the wife of a professional man. She had a promising life ahead, but about this time

she turned to the *bottle and its alcohol*, and over the next fifteen years she became an alcoholic.

At the time I saw her, she had nearly reached the inevitable end of her journey. Despite all that medical science could offer, her course continued downward. As her liver continued to fail, she developed marked fluid in her abdomen to the extent that breathing was very difficult; bleeding from several of the body orifices commenced, and finally coma and death ensued. Thus *the bottle* claimed another victim.

The more immediate effects of alcohol comprise most of the cases I've seen and treated. Inflammation of the stomach lining, and release of mental control leading to acts of violence resulting in lacerations, fractures, bruises head the list. These conditions, though not usually producing death, may cripple the individual for life, and often wreck the family relationship.

In no case do I consider *beverage alcohol* appropriate for treatment. Leave it alone, and you will lead a better life physically, mentally, and spiritually.

It's Your Problem

R. E. CASH, Pastor
Midland, Texas, Church



The family of six were outside the church, waiting for the service to end. Then he appealed for money to help feed his wife and five hungry children. With this money, given by our earnest and liberal members, Mr. Crane went to a tavern in a nearby town, and drank until he was not responsible for his actions. In a fit of anger over a penny state charged his children for soft drinks, he caused such a commotion that the sherriff was called. And in that condition he killed the sherriff, and dumped his lifeless body out on the highway.

I was called to see what I could do for the family. We helped the wife and children, but the father received a thirty-year prison sentence. The wife also drank, and was declared an unfit mother. The boy of ten was sent

to a state training school, and the rest to a state home for children. The wife divorced her husband, as well as the next man she married. Both of these people have often regretted their course of action. The over-all cost to the state of those drinks — let us put it mildly — was, and will be, about \$25,000.00 The home will never be reunited again, and the man has already suffered for about seven years of his thirty-year sentence.

A drinking driver is involved in over fifty percent of the fatal highway traffic accidents, and of the pedestrians killed, more than 25% have been drinking. Think of the tragedy of human woe involved; of the broken homes, lost jobs, and lives needlessly sacrificed to the god, alcohol.

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MRS. EUNICE BRUCE
Church School Teacher
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

THE PUPIL AND HOME INFLUENCE

In this doubting, critical age the daily life of others is the unanswerable argument for or against the gospel.

While influence goes out from everything — people, circumstances, conditions, even inanimate, senseless things — the home life radiates the strongest influence. It has a two-fold effect upon a child. He not only feels the influence; but it also moves him to imitate the persons in the home. As the imitation is performed, the life *unconsciously*, but *surely* becomes like the one that is being imitated.

When a child sees a person under the influence of liquor in the home, beholds restrains of good breeding, the lowering of standard of taste, and the mandates of honor all cast aside with a reckless disregard for the consequences, who can tell what such sins will breed in the child?

A child is peculiarly sensitive to every influence that comes to him out of his environment, and these determine what he shall be. What the parents are unable to do by precept can be accomplished through the power of example. Let the parents take the temperance pledge and join the church's Temperance Society this year. May God help parents and children to be guided by the admonition, "Whether therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

Great deeds, great enterprises, are the natural results of great expectations. —WRIGHT LINE

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What are we doing to help curb this unnecessary carnage and waste of life? Are we, as Seventh-day Adventists, active members of the Temperance organization? Our churches should realize that God has placed us right in the place where we are, to be responsible to our fellow men. We are our brother's keepers. Our Missionary Volunteer Society might well make the distribution of *Listen* a project, and supply life-giving information that would save some for this life, and the life to come. Who knows but that the life you save by doing your duty in the Temperance program, may be that of your own boy or girl — or perhaps even your own. Let us all join our Temperance Society today!

Are We Zealous of Good Works?

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billboards, magazines, newspapers, TV, radio; with not only liquor stores, but many drug stores, super-markets, and other stores holding the stuff out before us and our children continually, are we going to sit complacently by, and do nothing? The Lord says, "I will search Jerusalem with candles and punish the men that are settled on their lees." Zephaniah 1:12.

Brethren, let every one of us in this Southwestern Union arise and fight with all our influence and our means to promote the cause of temperance.

This Happened In Texas!



Chalk Up Another One!

The woman driving this car was seriously injured when her car collided with a freight train at a Texas crossing about three o'clock in the morning. The two-thirds empty half-pint bottle was cited by the investigating officer as the real cause.

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Keene, Texas	5:58	6:05
Little Rock, Arkansas	5:35	5:42
Muskogee, Oklahoma	5:46	5:53
New Orleans, Louisiana	5:35	5:41
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	5:55	6:02
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Santa Fe, New Mexico	5:28	5:35
Shreveport, Louisiana	5:45	5:51

Temperance

COMMENTS BY L. C. EVANS

President Southwestern Union Conference

Support the Temperance Work

Surely no greater challenge faces the workers and lay members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America than the challenge thrown in our faces by the liquor traffic day by day. Every month hundreds and thousands are either maimed or killed by automobile accidents, the basic cause of which can in thousands of cases be traced directly to liquor. We have reached a time when, because of the constant mixing of alcohol and gasoline by drivers who drink, the battlefield would be safer than our American highways of travel.

The drunken driver is well illustrated by the following story: "A man staggered out of a saloon toward his car, a friend said, 'You are not going to drive in that condition, are you?' 'Why not,' he muttered, 'I'm too drunk to walk!'"

May our God give us the vision, moral fortitude, and courage to blast this terrible curse from our highways and homes in America. These are serious times. We need clear minds and steady hands to cope with the daily problems of life.

"As twin evils, tobacco and alcohol go together." *Temperance*, p. 72. One of the attributes of character that will be found in those who will be ready and waiting for the coming of Christ will be temperance. We are living in a most intemperate age as is evidenced by the tremendous smoking habits of the American people.

At last something has come to the forefront to stir the populace of this country — the scare of cancer.

This cancer scare is causing some to disregard this so-called pleasure and give up smoking.

"The only safe course is to touch not, taste not, handle not. . . . The necessity for the men of this generation to call to their aid the power of the will, strengthened by the grace of God, in order to withstand the temptations of Satan, and resist the least indulgence of perverted appetite is twice as great as it was several generations ago. . . . The only perfectly safe course to pursue is to stand firmly on the side of temperance, and not venture in the path of danger." *Testimonies*, vol. 3, p. 488.

Urgently the Spirit of prophecy has appealed to us to be active in the cause of Temperance, to be in the forefront of the battle against the deadly effects of using intoxicating liquor, to advance the cause of prohibition by voice, by pen, and by vote. The earnestness of these appeals is in proportion to the need to save homes from distress and sorrow, to make highways safe from the unsteady and undependable driver, whose mental and nervous reactions have been stupefied through liquor drinking, and to prevent crime caused by drink — crazed and drink-deadened morals.

Much good is being done through the various temperance activities now being carried forward. The *Listen* magazine has been widely acclaimed as the most attractive literature in the field dealing with liquor and tobacco.

Is it necessary with Seventh-day Adventists to cite statistics in proof of the fact that the amount of crime

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This is one of many methods used by the American Temperance Society to advertise the cause of temperance.

Washington, D. C.
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Statistical Secretary